

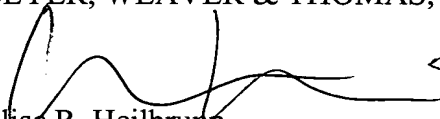
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-28 and 44-46 are allowable. The Examiner continues to reject claims 29-43 and 47-49. The rejected claims 29-43 and 47-49 are cancelled in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope as the cancelled claims in a subsequent continuation application. Claims 1-28 and 44-46 are now pending. Applicant respectfully asserts that each of the pending claims is now allowable.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISCP271).

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